Conversion of Lucknow-Bareilly Line

4602. DR. G. L. KANAUJIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the metre-gauge line from Lucknow to Bareilly into broad-gauge;

(b) if so, when and;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A major part of the section i e. from Mailani to Bareilly is a part of the main metre-gauge link between East-West, North South routes which cannot be disrupted. Moreover, Lucknow and Bareilly are already connected with Broad-gauge.

Air Safety at Bombay Airport

4603. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the distorted communication, frequent breakdowns of a vital radar and the instrument landing system (ILS) and lack of trained personnel at Bombay airport throwing the airport traffic control and communication units out of gear;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure air safety at the Bombay airport ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to heavy rains and earthing effect there was some interference in Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS) broadcast. This has since been corrected.

Due to heavy rains for 5 days in June, 1991 the radar site was heavily flooded and the cables and associated equipments of Air Route Surveillance Radar (ARSR) were affected considerably. The Air Route Surveillance Radar (ARSR) was put back into action. Since then the performance has been within the parameters. The Instrument Landing System (ILS) has been functioning satisfactorily and no malfunctioning has been reported.

[Translation]

Railway Workshop at Jhansi

4604. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for closing machine shop Lahaurkhana of Jhansi carriage and wagon repairing workshop;

(b) since when this machine shop has been closed and the value of spare parts purchased from outside since then;

(c) the number of employees retrenched, declared surplus, absorbed elsewhere and the posts abolished therefor;

(d) the comparative costs of spare parts manufactured at Jhansi Workshop vis-a-vis those purchased from open market;

(e) the circumstances under which the machine shop was opened and the

cost of machines purchased: and

(f) how the machines are now proposed to be utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Machine shop Lahaurkhana of Jhansi Carriage & Wagon Workshop has not been closed.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

(d) During the last few years items being manufactured in Jhansi Workshop have not been purchased from trade.

(e) The Machine shop was opened as a part of the main Carriage and Wagon Workshop originally in 1895 and updated in 1930s. The cost was Rs. 889.29 lacs.

(f) The machines are being utilised for the manufacture of components as heretofore.

[English]

Nudism Problem at Sea Beaches and in Hotels of ITDC

4605. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:
SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of nudation problems on sea beaches and in ITDC hotels have come to notice of the Government during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details of directions proposed to be given by the Union Government to State Governments and to India Tourism and Development Corporation (ITDC) authorities in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Fire in Coal Mines in Bihar

4606. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal mines in Bihar where incidents of fire have been reported during the last three years;

(b) the loss suffered due to fire in these coal mines during the last three years;

(c) whether some of the coal mines in Bihar are still burning and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made/being made by the Government to save coal mines from the fire and to put down the fire in these coal mines ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) No incidence of fresh fire have been reported in Jharia Coalfield of Bharat Coking Coal Limited during the last 3 years. An incidence of fire has been reported in underground mine i. e. Sayal 'D' colliery of Central Coalfields Limited during the last 3 years. No major loss of coal due to this fire is anticipated as the isolated coal is likely to be recovered in due course of time.

(c) and (d) The major problems of fires exist in Jharia Coalfield of Bihar.